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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DANIEL COX FAHEY, JR.
Director, Planning Division
National Security Resources Board

SUBJECT: Basic Security Resources Assumptions

REFERENCE: Sheet 7

I transmit herewith three copies of IM-142, prepared in consultation with State and the Joint Staff, as a response to the requirement in the Reference.

I wish to state, for the record, the full extent of coordination with State and the Joint Staff, in chronological form.

- 16 Dec. A first draft was submitted to OIR (State) for comment.
21 Dec. OIR comment received and considered.
23 Dec. A revised draft submitted to Mr. Martin (State) and Gen. Todd (JS) for concurrence or comment.
28 Dec. Gen. Todd concurred.
(Mr. Martin evidently referred the draft to OIR for comment in consultation with appropriate policy desks in State.)
31 Jan. OIR returned the draft to Mr. Martin with six pages of comment and a statement of concurrence subject to corresponding amendments being made. The comment, for the most part, was beside the point, affording no occasion for amendment. (Mr. Buford, OIR, has recently informed me that he was absent sick on 31 Jan.; that his instructions to his office were to concur in the draft, transmitting the mass of comment for CIA use as appropriate; that the more rigid conditional form of concurrence was an error in execution of these instructions.)
23 Feb. Mr. Martin transmitted the OIR comments to me, hoping that they would be "useful"; i.e., without any definite statement of concurrence or dissent, but an implied submission to CIA discretion in the matter.
(Meanwhile the original draft had been overtaken by events. A new draft was prepared with cognizance of State comment on the original and of such obvious developments as the Atlantic Pact.)

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- 21 Mar. Revised draft (IM-142) submitted to OIR directly for comment. (Not submitted to Gen. Todd because virtually identical with IM-135 recently prepared for and accepted by JIG.)
- 30 Mar. OIR comment received and minor amendments made.
- 5 Apr. IM-142 finalized and submitted to NSRB.

On the basis of the foregoing, I consider that IM-142 has the substantial concurrence of the designated representatives of State and the Joint Staff, but I have not obtained formal documentation to that effect. In any case, I have complied with your requirement for "consultation".

From the "Summary Statement" in IM-142 (paras. 3-7) you can readily revise the listing in your latest draft.

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